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Transfer payments reduced

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The proposed cuts of \$40 million in federal financial aid for students in private and independent schools will affect about 100,000 students and 100 colleges and universities.

Proposed changes also affect students in public schools, but the impact would be far less than for independent schools.

This means that the money many may previously thought available for education will not be there to the end.

According to President of Connecticut College and Spokesman, University of Connecticut, most of the cuts will be in the area of financial aid to independent schools.

There is legislation pending in both the House and Senate

that will cut outlays here to keep up with inflation and help students pay tuition at private schools. The cuts will affect independent schools and 100 colleges and universities.

While most of the federal money available for independent schools will be cut, the state money allocated to the schools will remain the same.

In the last three years Connecticut has increased its support for independent schools by 10 percent.

The cuts will affect many more private schools because the state money available for them is limited. Most of the cuts will be in the area of financial aid to independent schools.

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Students, and their parents, have been asked to help find ways to make up the \$1 billion cut.

Public school children can receive some form of financial relief through savings accounts, as well as loans, but private school students will have to rely on their parents.

"We will still allow a reasonable amount of time," according to Spokesman, "but we will be holding

the line on the funding decreases if it becomes a full budgetary priority."

"I think that students may be disappointed in the cuts made after the national budget conference I think those changes happened over night, and it was very little planning," he said.

"We expect the legislature will do the same and we hope all of the members of the legislature will support our efforts to hold the line and not let down our constituents," he said.

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other basic needs are important," he said.

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University State was working at an earlier date on a bill that would have required each town to contribute a share of its budget to the state to help pay off its water bills. The original bill was dropped in favor of a revised version that would have required towns to contribute a share of their water bills to the state.

The new bill was introduced by Rep. John C. O'Leary, D-Waterford, and Rep. Michael J. O'Brien, D-New Haven.

"The new bill is a good one," O'Leary said. "It would have required towns to contribute a share of their water bills to the state.

"The existing legislation is inappropriate," he continued, "as the majority of the towns have been forced to contribute a large amount of their water bills to the state.

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